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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated August 18, 2006 be extended for one (1) month until November 18, 2006.

PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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